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Subject: RE: Basel Convention

Thanks for following up with Stew.

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Great, that'll work! Thanks for the quick follow-up. I'll send out a meeting invite now.

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Hi Lia,

I appreciate the follow-up. There seem to be a lot of developments with Basel, including the EU's planned support, which is very troubling.

Friday would be great, as we have a meeting with our board on Thursday and will be discussing Basel.

Does 3pm Friday work for a call?

Thanks,
Stew

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Hi Stew,

Thanks for reaching out to discuss Norway's Basel proposals and for sharing ACC's comments and other materials. All very useful. We'd be happy to set up a call to discuss further. We work closely with the State Department on Basel and so I've added Kate Weber to this email.

We're available next week on Wednesday (between 3-5pm) or Friday afternoon. Would either of those work for you?

Look forward to touching base.

Best,
Lia

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Subject: RE: Basel Convention

Hi Rick,

Thanks for the note. I have been on the road a bit too much and could not remember who had the lead at EPA for Basel and so reached out to Walker and Janice!

Yes, I was invited to the stakeholder call with State and have been in close contact with staff.

Given the interest of Assistant Administrator McIntosh I thought it would be good to provide an update to your team as well. As you see from our previous comments and the proposed change, we are evolving our position on Basel.

It would be great to connect with you and Lia when she returns.

Take care,
Stew

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Hi Stewart

It was good to meet you at the AHOEEG meeting in Geneva. I hope you had wonderful holidays.

Thanks for the materials and comments. My office is closely following and responding to the Norwegian proposals on plastic. My office is the one that sends EPA representatives to Basel Convention meetings. We work with counterparts at the State Department who are also part of the U.S. government delegation at Basel meetings. State organized an industry stakeholder conference call on January 31 to discuss the Norwegian proposals. Were you invited to that call? If not, I'll ask State to invite you to future stakeholder meetings.

We'd be glad to talk to you about the Norwegian proposals. Our Basel lead is Lia Yohannes. She's in Argentina now but gets back in a week and a half.

Thanks
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Per my phone call

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Hi Walker and Janice,

I can't recall if either of you work Basel, but I thought I would reach out to provide a quick update. Last year, Keith, Steve, and I met with Chad to talk about international issues generally. He asked that we keep him informed on Basel among other things.

Let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss our thinking.

Take care,
Stew

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Hi Chad,

I hope you are well.

ACC is in the process of updating our strategy for the Basel Convention consideration of plastic waste. In addition to supporting the creation of a Partnership on Plastic Waste and opposing Norway's proposal, we are considering supporting a review of the annexes for plastic waste.

The attached document was sent to our member companies in advance of an upcoming board meeting. Initial feedback I received has been good, with members stressing that we remain deeply engaged in the Partnership on Plastics Waste (assuming the COP approves its creation) as well as any effort to review the annexes. Also attached are ACC's comments on the Partnership on Plastic Waste and Norway's proposal to amend the annexes.

I recently learned that the EU is considering supporting the Norway proposal to amend the annexes for plastic waste under Basel, if an exemption is added for trade within Europe. I am very concerned that if the EU supports the Norway proposal there will be few countries left to push back. I am in touch with my colleagues at PlasticsEurope who are working the issue.

Keith and I are happy to meet or jump on a call to discuss our thinking. I will keep you informed as we move forward.

Take care,
Stew

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